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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, Dc 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation  
Higher Ground LLC  
Blanket License Application for C-band Mobile Earth Terminals  
IBFS File No. SES-LIC-20150616-00357

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Higher Ground, the undersigned spoke via telephone with Holly Saurer of Chairman Wheeler's office and with Troy Tanner and Kerry Murray of the International Bureau ("IB") on November 28 regarding the above-captioned application. On November 30, Rob Reis of Higher Ground and the undersigned met separately with Brendan Carr of Commissioner Pai's office and Erin McGrath of Commissioner O'Rielly's office.

Higher Ground seeks grant of its long-standing application to provide satellite-based messaging services in the C-band. Grant will enable messaging where there is no cellular service via Higher Ground's consumer device, the SatPak, a satellite transceiver embedded in a smartphone case. Higher Ground will use a ULS-based database to operate on vacant frequencies in the C-band, ensuring no harmful interference to point-to-point microwave receivers in the band. Grant of the application is thus warranted.

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During the meetings, Higher Ground discussed the issues in the attached presentation. This letter is filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Adam D. Krinsky

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Counsel to Higher Ground

Enclosure

cc: Holly Saurer  
Brendan Carr  
Erin McGrath  
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